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T'Gana HC rules 'no action' on Kaleshwaram Commission report

Telangana High Court strikes down Ghose Commission's adverse findings against KCR, Harish Rao

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The Telangana High Court on Wednesday set aside key adverse findings recorded by the Justice PC Ghose Commission against former Chief Minister K Chandrababu Naidu, former minister T Harish Rao, retired IAS officer Smitha Sabharwal, holding that such findings were rendered in violation of principles of natural justice and statutory safeguards under Section 8B of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Aparish Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin observed that the findings were prejudicial to the conduct and reputation of the petitioners and directed that no action shall be taken on their basis. However, the Bench upheld the legality of the State's decision to constitute the Commission, ruling that its establishment under GO Ms No. 6 dated March 14, 2024 was neither arbitrary nor illegal.



The Commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose, had inquired into alleged irregularities in the execution of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and submitted its report on July 31, 2025. The report was subsequently tabled in the State Legislative Assembly, following which Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the matter would be referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation for further probe. The Commission had reportedly fixed accountability on KCR in aspects of planning and execution, while also finding fault with Harish Rao and certain officials associated with the construction of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages.

The petitioners contended that they became aware of the allegedly prejudicial findings only through a press conference and a Power Point presentation made by the present Irrigation Minister after submission of the report. They challenged both the constitution of the Commission and its findings, arguing that the inquiry was initiated with a pre-meditated intent to indict them and discredit the previous government. It was submitted that the terms of reference themselves reflected a preconceived approach, relying heavily on reports such as that of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). The petitioners further argued that the Commission failed to comply with mandatory procedural safeguards under Sections

8B and 8C of the Act, as no proper notice along with adverse material was furnished to them before recording findings affecting their reputation. They emphasised that Section 8B mandates a reasonable opportunity to defend oneself where adverse findings are contemplated, while Section 8C confers the right to cross-examine witnesses and be represented by counsel, both of which were denied. Elaborating further, it was argued that the summons issued to the petitioners merely required their presence as witnesses and did not indicate that adverse findings were contemplated. In particular, it was pointed out that no proper notice was served on SK Joshi and Smitha Sabharwal, nor were they supplied with documents or incriminating material relied upon by the Commission. The petitioners also denied allegations of negligence in the construction of the Medigadda barrage, attributing structural issues such as the sinking of

India Won't Bow To Terrorism: PM Modi

On the eve of the first anniversary of the attack, the Indian Army also recalled Operation Sindoor and issued a strong message against terrorism

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On the first anniversary of the Pahalgam terror attack, President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said the country remains resolute in its determination to defeat terrorism everywhere in all its forms. Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that India will never bow to any form of terror and the heinous designs of terrorists will never succeed. "Remembering the innocent lives lost in the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack on this day last year. They will never be forgotten," Mr Modi posted on X. He also said his thoughts are also with the bereaved families as they cope with this loss. "As a nation, we stand united in grief and resolve. India will never bow to any form of terror. The heinous designs of terrorists will never succeed," the Prime Minister added. Paying tribute to the victims, the President said, "The tragic loss of



innocent lives in that heinous act remains etched in our collective memory. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. The entire nation stands with them. Such acts of terror cannot deter our unwavering commitment to peace and unity." Condemning the Pahalgam massacre, vice-president C.P. Radhakrishnan said such acts of brutality can never shake India's resolve to uphold peace, unity, and the enduring values of humanity. "We remain firm in our determination to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," he said. Union home minister Amit Shah said India will continue its zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and those who harbour it. In a message posted on X,

he said, "The grief and pain of losing our people still remain in the heart of every Indian." "Terrorism is the greatest enemy of humanity, against which we must stand united to fight and defeat. India will continue its zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and those who harbour it," Mr Shah said. The defence minister Rajnath Singh underscored the government's strong response to terrorism and said the nation will not forget the victims. "We will never forget those wounds inflicted on our nation. India has endured decades of cross-border terror, but today our response is firm, decisive and unwavering. Through determined action, we have demonstrated that any attempt to harm our people or disrupt our unity will be met with strength and clarity," he said. External affairs minister S. Jaishankar reiterated India's firm resolve against terrorism.

9.8 Lakh Voters 'Deleted' in Odisha: BJD Alleges Irregularities

A political controversy has erupted in Odisha after the opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) alleged that nearly 9.8 lakh voters have been removed from the state's electoral rolls, raising concerns over transparency and due process in the ongoing revision exercise. On Wednesday, members of the Biju Yuva Janata Dal, Biju Chhatra Janata Dal, and Biju Mahila Janata Dal staged a protest outside the office of the State Chief Electoral Officer in Bhubaneswar. The party questioned the scale of the deletions and demanded a detailed explanation of the procedures followed. BJD leaders alleged that the large-scale removal of names could have political implications, particularly in areas considered opposition strongholds.

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Bengal Under Heavy Guard, Tamil Nadu Goes to Polls

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After weeks of intense campaigning and sharp political rhetoric, the electoral battle shifts to the ground on Thursday. Polling in West Bengal will cover 152 of the state's 294 constituencies in the first phase, while all 234 Assembly seats in Tamil Nadu will vote in a single phase. As West Bengal witnesses a high-stakes

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do-or-die contest between the ruling Trinamul Congress and the BJP, Tamil Nadu gears up for a showdown between the DMK-led front and the AIADMK-BJP combine. A new entrant, actor-turned-politician Vijay, is attempting to break the two-party dominance with

his Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK). In Tamil Nadu, nearly 5.67 crore voters will go the polls across all 234 constituencies. In West Bengal, 3.6 crore voters will cast their ballots in 152 constituencies in the first phase of a two-part election. The final phase will be on April 29. As for West Bengal, the TMC led by chief minister Mamata Banerjee still holds a structural edge.

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Former AP CM Nadendla Bhaskar Rao Passes Away

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Nadendla Bhaskara Rao, 90, former chief minister of united Andhra Pradesh, passed away due to age-related ailments at a private hospital in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Rao played a crucial role in the formation of the Telugu Desam under the leadership of N.T. Rama Rao in 1982. As one of its founding members, he made significant



contributions to strengthen the party's organisational structure, which helped it to win power in the 1983 elections, with N.T. Rama Rao becoming the chief minister. However, Rao's political

journey took a dramatic turn when he revolted against NTR and defected from the TD along with a group of legislators to become the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh. However, his tenure turned out to be short, but it sparked a major constitutional and political crisis, which eventually led to the reinstatement of NTR as the CM. During his short tenure as the Chief

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Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Set for Bigger Congress Role Post-Polls

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The Indian National Congress is set to undertake a significant organisational overhaul soon after the ongoing state Assembly elections conclude, with internal discussions indicating a broader redistribution of responsibilities across the party structure. A key highlight of the proposed reshuffle is the likely elevation of Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, with many senior leaders advocating a more defined and substantial



role for her within the organisation. At present, Ms Vadra serves as general secretary but does not have a clearly demarcated portfolio. This has led to growing sentiment within party circles that her political capital and public connect are not being fully utilised.

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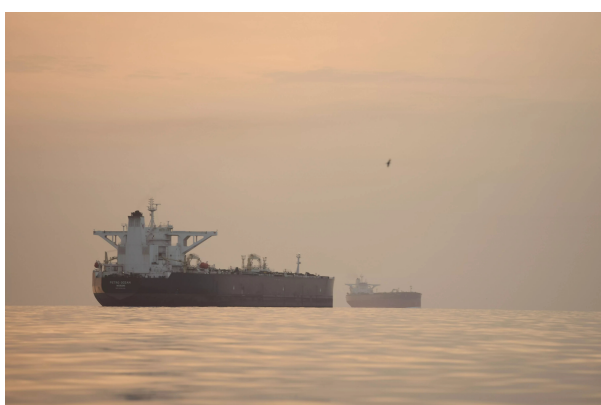
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India-Bound Ship Among Vessels Seized by Iran

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At least three container ships were hit by gunfire in the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday, maritime security sources said and the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said. Iran has imposed restrictions on ships using the strait, first in retaliation for the U.S.-Israeli bombardment of the country, and then in response to a U.S. blockade of Iranian ports. A Liberia-flagged container

ship sustained damage to its bridge after being hit by gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades northeast of Oman. The UKMTO said the master of the vessel reported being approached by an IRGC gunboat. The vessel, it said, was subsequently fired upon. All crew members were safe and there was no fire or environmental impact due to the incident. Maritime security sources said that three people were onboard that gunboat. The master of the Greek-operated



container ship also reported that no radio contact was made prior to the incident and that the vessel had been initially informed that it had

permission to transit the Strait of Hormuz. The UKMTO later said that a second container vessel had been fired upon about eight nautical

miles west of Iran. The Panama-flagged vessel was not damaged and its crew members are safe. Maritime security sources said that a third container ship was fired upon about eight nautical miles west of Iran while transiting outbound of the Strait of Hormuz. The Liberia-flagged vessel, which was not damaged had stopped in the water. Its crew are safe, the sources said. President Donald Trump said Tuesday the United States is extending its

ceasefire with Iran at Pakistan's request as he waits for a unified proposal from the Islamic Republic. The announcement came as last-minute ceasefire talks between the U.S. and Iran looked uncertain and a two-week truce was set to expire Wednesday. White House put S on hold Vice President JD Vance's expected trip to Islamabad for a second round of talks as Tehran — at least for the time-being — has balked at further talks.

Not Kaleshwaram, Congress lies collapse: KTR hits back

BRS working president KT Rama Rao welcomed the High Court verdict on the PC Ghose Commission, calling it a victory for Telangana and farmers. He accused the Congress of misinformation and urged immediate repairs to the Medigadda barrage

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday welcomed the High Court's verdict on the PC Ghose Commission which probed alleged irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project. He called it a clear victory for the people and farmers of Telangana, and a decisive rebuttal to sustained misinformation by the Congress government.

He wanted the State government to set aside petty politics and focus on delivering promises



made to the people of Telangana. "Conduct as many inquiries as you want, but do not punish farmers," he said, urging the government to expedite the repair works of Medigadda barrage.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan here, Rama Rao said the judgment dismantled the alleged conspiracy by the Congress around the multi-crore and

multi-level irrigation project. He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Congress leaders of indulging in reckless propaganda by branding Kaleshwaram as "Kooleshwaram" (loosely meant collapsed project). "Not the project, but the Congress' false narrative has collapsed with the court verdict," he said. The BRS working pres-

ident declared that the verdict vindicated BRS' long-standing claim that the report released by the Congress government was not an authentic PC Ghose Commission report but politically motivated and prepared by the PCC (Pradesh Congress Committee). He said the High Court's observations have now put an end to the false propaganda being spread by the Congress against the project. "The High Court judgment is a tight slap on the face of the Congress government and its leaders who have been spreading false propa-

ganda against the project," he said. He urged the government to stop acting and start lifting water, asking it to focus on repairs and restoration instead of political blame games. He warned that continued delays would only hurt farmers dependent on irrigation. Referring to past criticism by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who had alleged structural failures at the project site, Rama Rao said such claims were exaggerated and misleading. He added that the High Court verdict had effectively dispelled those assertions.

Congress failed to keep promises made to RTC employees: Harish

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Former Minister T Harish Rao, who expressed his solidarity with RTC employees on strike in Siddipet, demanded that the government recognise RTC staff as government employees without any delay as promised by the Congress. Citing the promises made in the Congress manifesto, Rao said that the Congress had promised to implement two pay revisions besides restoring trade unions immediately after coming to power. He further accused the government of conspiring to privatise the entire RTC in a phased manner across the State, beginning from Hyderabad. Rao said that the introduction of the Maha Lakshmi scheme had become a burden on the drivers and conductors.



While the Congress was boasting of spending Rs 9,200 crore on the Maha Lakshmi scheme, the former minister said that the government paid only Rs 7,000 crore to RTC, and denied the remaining Rs 2,200 crore. The former minister said that the Congress had raised its voice when the BRS was in power. He questioned MLC Kondaram, who had questioned the BRS earlier, for staying calm on the RTC workers' protests now. Rao accused so-called intellectuals like Kodandaram of acting only against former Chief

Minister K Chandrashekar Rao when RTC staff launched a strike during the BRS rule. He said that these intellectuals never really had any concern for the employees' issues. Rao demanded that the government keep all the promises made to the RTC employees. All the new buses which were being purchased by RTC were ordered when the BRS was in power. The former minister said that the number of buses which were in operation had come down considerably.

Defence Scientists Stress Importance Of Detecting Hostile Drones

Electronics and communication systems director general B.K. Das said counter drone technologies are now central to national security

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India is accelerating efforts to counter emerging drone threats, with defence scientists and security agencies highlighting advanced indigenous technologies at the 'Samrakshak' exhibition in Hyderabad. Organised by the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory, the event showcased a wide range of counter-drone systems developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, underlining the country's growing focus on self-reliance in defence capabilities.

Top officials stressed that the nature of warfare is rapidly evolving, with drones increasingly used in surveillance and combat. Samir V. Kamat, Secretary of Defence R&D and Chairman of DRDO, said developing indigenous counter-drone systems is now critical to effectively respond to these



fast-changing threats. He noted that platforms like Samrakshak bring together key stakeholders to strengthen preparedness and plan coordinated responses. Echoing similar concerns, B. K. Das highlighted that counter-drone technologies have become central to national security. He emphasized the need for collaboration among defence forces, research institutions, and industry to tackle increasingly complex aerial threats.

The exhibition demonstrated a multi-layered defence approach. Advanced radar systems developed by the Elec-

tronics and Radar Development Establishment enable early detection of drones, while RF detection and neutralisation systems from the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory help disrupt hostile signals. Tracking capabilities are enhanced through electro-optical and infrared systems from the Instruments Research and Development Establishment.

To neutralise threats, high-energy laser systems by the Centre for High Energy Systems and Sciences and high-power microwave systems from the Microwave Tube Re-

search and Development Centre were showcased. Additional technologies included acoustic sensors from the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory and weaponised drones by DRDO Young Scientists Laboratory Artificial Intelligence and Technologies.

More than 300 participants from the armed forces, Ministry of Home Affairs, DRDO labs, defence public sector units, and private industry attended the event. Officials said the priority now is to build integrated, real-time response systems capable of detecting, tracking, and disabling drone threats with precision. The exhibition concluded with a panel discussion on next-generation technologies, reinforcing India's commitment to strengthening its defence ecosystem against the rising risks posed by drone warfare.

Telangana AAP Slams 'No Strike' Call, Backs TGRTC Workers

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Working President Burra Ramu Goud strongly condemned the "No Strike" appeal issued by the TGSRMC management, calling it a direct denial of workers' rights. He stated that threatening employees under the guise of legal provisions, without addressing their legitimate demands, amounts to a violation of constitutional rights. According to the party, a strike is the last resort for workers, and



such a situation arises only due to the negligence of the management. Attempting to suppress strikes by citing the Industrial Disputes Act is seen as an effort to curtail the fundamental rights of employees. AAP leaders emphasized that pressuring workers instead of lis-

tening to their grievances will not lead to any meaningful resolution. "Only sincere and transparent discussions can resolve these issues. The management must immediately initiate constructive dialogue with the workers," they demanded. They further criticized

the use of wage cuts and threats of disciplinary action as tools to intimidate employees, stating that such practices are unacceptable. The party urged both the government and the management to act responsibly and ensure the protection of workers' rights. Among its key demands, AAP called for an immediate decision on the workers' legitimate demands, an end to intimidation tactics, and a transparent negotiation process. It also stressed the need to uphold and safeguard labor rights at all times.

Retired Employees Celebrate April Birthdays in Sangareddy

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The Telangana Gridco Retired Employees Association (TSGREA), Sangareddy South Division, hosted a warm gathering to celebrate April birthdays, reflecting strong camaraderie among retired staff. Led by retired Executive Engineer G.D. Rajireddy, the event brought together former employees who fondly recalled their service in the power sector and shared memorable experiences. District President M. Narasireddy,



General Secretary K.M. Ravinder Reddy, Finance Secretary Basaveshwari, South Division Secretary Vadishetti Srikrishna, and Finance Secretary G. Rajeswar attended as chief guests, extending greetings and appreciating the association's efforts. Birthdays of 12 retirees were marked with a cake-cutting ceremony amid cheerful moments.

Retired DAO Gattu Ravinder and other members were present. The event also welcomed new members, strengthening unity. Arrangements by S.O Associate members ensured smooth conduct. Participants said such gatherings reinforce bonding, encourage social engagement, and keep the spirit of service alive among retirees.

Telangana Tourism Gains National Spotlight in Niti Report

Telangana's tourism heritage sites, adventures, spiritual and cuisines, crafts have received a major national spotlight in the 'Divya Bharat' report released by Niti Aayog, positioning the state as a compelling blend of heritage, nature, culture and modern experiences. Tourism minister Juppally Krishna Rao termed the recognition a proud moment, stating that the report reflects the state's growing appeal as a well-rounded destination for domestic and international travellers. Iconic landmarks such as Charminar and Golconda Fort continue to anchor the state's heritage tourism, while urban attractions like Hussainsagar are highlighted for offering leisure and adventure activities, including water sports. Beyond cityscapes, the report underscores Telangana's rich natural assets. Destinations like Kuntala Waterfall and Bogatha Waterfall are described as scenic retreats, while forest regions and wildlife zones add to eco-tourism opportunities. The inclusion of lakes such as Lakanavaram Lake, known for its hanging bridge and island views, further strengthens the state's nature tourism portfolio. The report also highlights adventure tourism prospects, with sites like Bhongir Fort and rocky terrains around Hyderabad offering trekking, rock climbing and bouldering experiences.

Beautification Works for Patel Kunta Lake to Begin Soon

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HYDRA Commissioner Assures Action Following Request by Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy The persistent mosquito menace and environmental degradation in the Nacharam Division are finally being addressed. The primary cause of these issues has been the heavy accumulation of water hyacinth (invasive weeds) and toxic chemical effluents in the two major lakes of the area. Uppal MLA, Shri Ban-



dari Laxma Reddy, has taken a special interest in resolving these long-standing grievances to provide relief to the local residents. Sanctions for ₹30 Crores have already

been secured for the rejuvenation and beautification of the HMT Nagar Pedda Cheruvu. These works are set to commence shortly. Highlighting the pathetic

condition of the Patel Kunta Lake—which is currently choked with weeds and silt—the MLA met with HYDRA Commissioner Shri Ranganath. During the meeting, the MLA explained that since Patel Kunta is a relatively small lake, the restoration and beautification could be completed with a modest budget. Responding positively to the request, Commissioner Ranganath assured that the beautification works for Patel Kunta Lake would be initiated at the earliest.

Water Crisis Looms Over Karimnagar

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A severe drinking water shortage is threatening Karimnagar and its neighbouring districts as water levels at the Lower Manair Dam (LMD) have plummeted to critical levels. With the peak summer approaching in May, official data reveals that the reservoir is drying up, raising alarms for urban and rural residents alike in Karimnagar district. Against its total storage capacity of 24tmc, LMD currently



holds only around 6tmc. Of this, 2tmc is considered dead storage, leaving a mere 4tmc accessible for use and also for release to neighbouring districts. The authorities said if the situation turns worse in the coming days, the remaining water must be drawn using booster pumps. At current con-

sumption rates, this storage can last only a month, with high temperatures expected to further accelerate depletion through evaporation. The crisis poses a direct threat to the drinking water needs of Karimnagar, Warangal, Sircilla, Vemulawada and Siddipet regions.

PDS: 85% of 3-Month Rice Quota Distributed

The civil supplies department has successfully distributed over 85% of its allocated rice quota for three months April, May and June, well ahead of the April 30 deadline. As of April 21, the state has delivered over 5.48 lakh metric tonnes of rice to beneficiaries across the state. According to officials, this rapid distribution strategy was executed in direct response to a March 2 directive from the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The Centre instructed all states to advance the lifting and distribution of food grains for the April, May, June 2026 quarter to prevent logistical and storage bottlenecks ahead of the procurement season. Out of the total allocation of 6,43,303 metric tonnes (MT) of rice, the department has already distributed 5,48,140 MT. This translates to an 86% completion rate with eight full days still remaining in the month. The widespread reach of this initiative is evident in the data, with the state recording over 2.62 crore successful transactions state-wide to date. "To maintain total transparency during this accelerated rollout, all digital transactions.

Kharge's Remarks on PM Modi Are Irresponsible, Undignified: Ashish Goud

Kharge's 'Terrorist' Remark on PM Modi Triggers Political Storm: BJP's Ashish Goud Slams Congress Chief

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A sharp political controversy has erupted after Mallikarjun Kharge allegedly referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "terrorist" during a public address in Tamil Nadu, prompting strong reactions from the Bharatiya Janata Party and drawing the attention of the Election Commission of India.

Leading the criticism, BJP State Youth Leader Ashish Goud condemned Kharge's remarks, calling them "irresponsible" and unbecoming of a senior national leader. He asserted that individuals holding high political offices must exercise restraint and uphold dignity while addressing the public.

The controversy stems



from Kharge's speech at a political gathering, where he reportedly used the term "terrorist" in reference to the Prime Minister.

The comment quickly sparked outrage among BJP leaders and supporters, escalating into a nationwide political row. Facing backlash, Kharge later clarified his statement, explaining that his intent was to convey that Modi "terrorises" political opponents and rival

parties, rather than labeling him in a literal sense. However, the clarification failed to quell the criticism, with BJP leaders insisting that such language undermines democratic discourse.

Reacting to the explanation, Ashish Goud maintained that the damage had already been done. He stressed that political debates should remain focused on policies and governance rather than personal attacks.

"Public representatives must set an example by maintaining respectful communication, especially in a democracy as diverse as India," he said.

The issue gained further traction after the Election Commission of India reportedly issued a notice to Kharge, seeking clarification over the controversial remark.

The development has added a formal dimension to the dispute, raising questions about the limits of political speech during public campaigns. As the row continues to intensify, political observers note that the incident highlights the growing sharpness of rhetoric in Indian politics, with both sides under pressure to maintain decorum while engaging in electoral battles.

Grand Earth Day Celebrations Held at KBR National Park



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A grand Earth Day awareness program was organized at Kasu Brahmananda Reddy (KBR) National Park in Hyderabad under the banner of the Lead India Foundation to promote environmental conservation. The event witnessed a large gathering of activists, youth, and representatives from various voluntary organizations across the state. Held amid the greenery of KBR Park, the program highlighted the importance of

protecting nature and encouraging sustainable living. Dr. B.N. Sudarshan Acharya, founder of Lead India Foundation, attended as the chief guest and stressed the need to safeguard natural resources. He said rising pollution, climate change, and environmental degradation pose serious threats to future generations. Lead India Association President Vistaraku Venu called for building a plastic-free society and urged people to reduce plastic use and adopt eco-friendly alternatives. Organizer Sandhya Rani emphasized

that protecting nature is essential for human survival and said awareness programs play a vital role in promoting environmental responsibility. As part of the celebrations, participants held an environmental awareness rally and cleanliness drive under the slogan "Our Power... Our Planet." They also pledged to discourage plastic use, deforestation, and water wastage. The event concluded with a collective call for stronger public participation in environmental protection and sustainable development.

GHMC Launches Mission to Support and Rehabilitate Beggars

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As part of the 99 Days Action Plan, a Beggars Rehabilitation Programme was successfully conducted on Wednesday across all 30 circles under GHMC limits. As part of this initiative, a special drive was carried out at railway stations, bus stations, major junctions, and temple areas across the city. Officials including POs, COs, Traffic Police, Law & Order Police, Traffic and Law & Order teams, sanitation staff, NGO representatives, and personnel from various concerned departments actively participated in the drive.

The special drive was conducted at key locations including Nampally Railway Station, Kachiguda Railway Station, KBR Park, Amberpet Junction, Ameerpur Junction, Balkampet Temple surroundings, Nana Nagar Junction, and Aramghar Junction. A total of 107



beggars were identified during the drive. Out of them, 37 individuals were shifted to Ammananna Orphanage near Choutuppal, where they are being provided with necessary medical examinations and other facilities.

Another 40 individuals were admitted to various shelter homes within GHMC limits with the

support of NGOs. The remaining individuals were counselled and sent back to their native places. Officials stated that this programme marks a significant step towards the rehabilitation of the homeless and eradication of begging. They further added that such initiatives will be continued regularly across GHMC limits.

Moggula Raji Reddy Demands FTE Status for Field Assistants

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Moggula Raji Reddy, Chief Vice President of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), Telangana, demanded that Field Assistants working under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme be recognized as Fixed Term Employees (FTEs) to ensure job security. At Khairatabad, Hyderabad, a delegation led by Raji Reddy along with R.D. Chandrasekhar, Boluguri Ravi, Kankala Siddiraju, Challa Venkateshwarlu



and others submitted a memorandum to Divya, Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development.

They demanded ₹25,000 minimum salary, mandal-level transfers, health cards, ₹15 lakh ex gratia, retirement benefits, reinstatement of 265 removed workers, training

and mobile devices, 150 days work with ₹400 wage, and restoration of Asara pensions. Raji Reddy urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Minister Danasari Anasuya to fulfill Congress manifesto promises and resolve long-pending issues immediately.

Ponguleti Dares Opposition To Show Any Welfare Scheme Dropped By Congress Govt



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Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Wednesday challenged the opposition BRS to show any welfare scheme discontinued by the Congress government in the last two and half years of its rule. Allegations by the BRS in this respect are baseless, the minister said while distributing the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to 27 beneficiaries at Khammam. He said that the previous BRS government had failed to issue new ration cards or sanction pucca houses, that adversely impacted the lives of the poor for a decade. "The people taught a lesson to the BRS by defeating it. In the recently conducted elections also, the people rejected the BRS and continued their support to the Congress," he said. Srinivas Reddy asserted that this was the

"good performance certificate" that the people gave the Congress government vis-à-vis its efficient governance and able implementation of the welfare schemes. Even though the BRS had used the social media for its "false propaganda" against the Congress government, the people continued to stand firmly in support of the Congress in every election in the last two and half years, he said. He said the "people-centric" Congress government is effectively implementing the welfare schemes with the aim of ensuring a problem-free life to the poor people. "We are taking every care to reach the benefits of the welfare schemes to the doorsteps of every eligible family in the state." The minister said that despite the financial constraints, the Congress government was also continuing all the welfare schemes initiated by the BRS government.

JNTUH VC Named AICTE South Central Chairman

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Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) vice-chancellor T. Kishen Kumar Reddy has been appointed chairman of the South Central Regional Committee of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for a period of 3 years. The appointment was notified on April 20 by AICTE member secretary



Shyama Rath as part of the reconstitution of chairmen of regional committees. Reddy brings prior experience within AICTE, having served as adviser for research and institutional devel-

opment at its New Delhi office. He has also held vice-chancellor positions at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat and Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology University, Gunupur, Odisha. The role places him at the helm of overseeing technical education matters across the South Central region under AICTE's regulatory framework.

Associate Professors Felicitated at Hayathnagar College

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Government Degree College, Hayathnagar in Rangareddy district felicitated six Associate Professors on April 22 in recognition of their academic excellence, research contributions, and dedicated service to the institution. The honorees included Dr. S. Subramaniam and Dr. P. Ramadevi from the Commerce department, Dr. Sreepathi Naidu from Political Science, Dr. D. Makla from English, Dr. Madhu Dharmapuri from Physics, and Dr. Balanara-



simha from Chemistry. They were acknowledged for achievements such as publishing research papers, earning PhD degrees, and consistently contributing to the academic growth of the college. The event was organized by the Staff

Club and was attended by faculty members and staff. Principal Dr. P. Suresh Babu congratulated the professors and commended their commitment to teaching, research, and institutional development. He emphasized that recognizing dedicated edu-

cators plays a vital role in strengthening the academic environment and motivating others to strive for excellence. Secretary of the Staff Club, Dr. S. Subramaniam, along with senior faculty, appreciated the honorees for their tireless efforts in shaping students' futures and enhancing the college's academic standards. Vice Principal V. Srinivas Reddy, Indira, and both teaching and non-teaching staff participated in the program. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, encouraging continued excellence in higher education.

Pratap Urges Strong Sanitation After Ward Reshuffle

HYDERABAD
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Stressing the importance of continuous public health efforts, former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap urged sanitation supervisors to intensify their focus on cleanliness following a recent internal reshuffle in the Health and Sanitation Department. The Cantonment Board transferred Dafedhar Vijay from the 1st Ward to the 7th Ward, while Dafedhar Ganesh has been assigned to take charge of the 1st Ward.



The changes are part of routine administrative rotations aimed at improving sanitation outcomes across wards. Speaking at a felicitation ceremony organized for field staff, Pratap emphasized that sanitation work

must be proactive and consistent. He called on Dafedhars to regularly monitor open drains, ensure timely desilting, and maintain a strong presence in bastis to address public concerns swiftly. He noted that san-

itation is a continuous responsibility and vital to preventing disease outbreaks. During the event, Vijay and Ganesh were honored with shawls, with special appreciation extended to Vijay for his service in the 1st Ward. Local leaders including Bandi Srinivas, Suresh, Kumar, Mukesh Yadav, and Varaprasad attended, reflecting community support. Officials concluded the program by pledging improved sanitation standards through effective ward-level leadership.

Rane Calls For Uniform Corporate Dress Code Amid 'Corporate Jihad' Row

After making the claims of 'corporate jihad' in Maharashtra, BJP minister Nitesh Rane has called for the establishment of a uniform dress code in corporate spaces on the lines of educational institutions. "Corporates should not enforce dress codes selectively. Just as there are regulations regarding hijab and burqa permissions in schools and colleges, similar restrictions should apply in the corporate sector to maintain fairness in the office," Rane said on Wednesday. Commenting on the controversy surrounding Lenskart's dress code policy, the minister said, "We too believe in God. But why should corporate sectors permit the hijab and burqa, while the tilak is not allowed? If one religion's practices are restricted, then others should be treated equally. In schools and colleges, there has been debate about hijab and burqa permissions."

India May Play Role in West Asia Peace: Rajnath Singh

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India has consistently maintained a balanced diplomatic approach under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while leaving open the possibility of a greater Indian role in resolving global conflicts, including the West Asia crisis. Addressing an Indian community event at the Indian Embassy in Berlin, Singh said India has made efforts toward peace but stressed that outcomes depend on timing and global conditions. "India has tried... But everything has its time. It is possible that tomorrow, the time may come when India plays its role in this and achieves success as



well. We cannot rule out this possibility. The Prime Minister has appealed to both sides to end the war. Our Prime Minister has a very balanced approach to diplomatic matters," he said. He further noted that the Prime Minister has personally engaged with leaders of countries involved in major conflicts to encourage dialogue and peaceful resolution. "When he met Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, he discussed this. Even when he met

Donald Trump, he also said that a solution should be found," Singh added. Singh also highlighted India's positioning in global geopolitics, pointing to its perceived neutrality and engagement with multiple sides. He said India's diplomacy helped its ships pass through the Strait of Hormuz. "The way India is moving, you must have seen that in the Strait of Hormuz, no ship from any country was able to pass through. If anyone managed to pass through their 7-8 ships, then it was India. It is not that the US considers India its enemy, or Iran considers India its enemy. This is a very balanced approach of India," he said. Earlier, Singh said this was his first visit to Germany, undertaken at the invi-

ation of German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius. He noted that 2026 marks 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Germany. "Our relations are based on democratic values. In the last seven decades, ties have strengthened across sectors," he said. Referring to economic ties, Singh highlighted the depth of commercial engagement between the two countries. "Germany has become India's largest trading partner in Europe. More than 2,000 German companies are active in India, contributing to industrial growth and initiatives like Make in India. At the same time, many Indian companies are also establishing a strong presence in Germany," he added.

Mamata's Actions Puts Democracy in Peril: SC on I-PAC Case

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The alleged obstruction by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a raid conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Kolkata came under intense scrutiny on Wednesday, with the Supreme Court saying that democracy is put in peril if a chief minister intervenes in a probe. "This is not a dispute between the Centre and the state. A chief minister of any state just walks in in the midst of an inquiry or investigation, puts democracy in peril and then you say it is a dispute between the Centre and the state," a bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and N V Anjaria



said. The remarks came when senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, appearing in the court for a senior West Bengal official, questioned the maintainability of the ED's plea, saying the dispute is essentially between the Centre and the state. "This (alleged obstruction) is per se an act committed by an individual who happens to be the chief minister of a state, keeping the whole system and democracy in jeopardy," Justice Mishra observed. The court was

hearing arguments on the ED's plea that has alleged obstruction by Banerjee and other state authorities during its January 8 search of the office of political-consultancy firm Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC) in Kolkata in connection with a money-laundering probe. The bench observed that several judgments, including the historic Kesavananda Bharati verdict of 1973 that laid down the "basic structure doctrine" of the Constitution, were cited before it during the hearing. "But none of them would have ever conceived of a situation that in this country, a day will come when a sitting chief minister will walk into the office.

Amit Shah: 'Tata Bye Bye' to Didi by 1 PM on May 4

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday mounted a strong political offensive in West Bengal, expressing confidence that the ruling All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) government led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee would be voted out of power when Assembly election results are declared on May 4. Addressing a public rally in Dum Dum, Shah offered a precise timeline for the counting process, asserting that ballot boxes would be opened at 8 am, with successive rounds of counting concluding by early afternoon. "By 1 pm, Didi will be out of power... Tata, goodbye," he remarked, projecting a decisive victory for the BJP. His comments drew loud cheers from party supporters and underlined the BJP's aggressive campaign narrative in the state. Shah launched a scath-



ing attack on the TMC government, accusing it of prolonged misrule and administrative failure. Referring to Kolkata, he alleged that the state capital had lost its past glory and deteriorated into what he described as a "city of slums." He claimed that this condition was the result of policies aimed at accommodating infiltrators for political gain rather than focusing on development and urban improvement. According to Shah, the TMC leadership was more interested in building a votebank than in uplifting the socio-economic conditions of the people. He

argued that while several cities across India have taken steps to reduce slum populations and improve living standards, Kolkata had failed to keep pace due to what he termed as misguided priorities of the state government. The Union Home Minister also broadened his criticism to include the Indian National Congress. Taking aim at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Shah predicted a poor electoral showing for the Congress in the ongoing Assembly elections. He claimed that the party would struggle to reach double digits in

Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, fail to open its account in West Bengal, and face a significant defeat in Assam. Additionally, Shah condemned Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for his remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing them as unacceptable and inappropriate in political discourse. Continuing his extensive campaign tour, Shah addressed further rallies in North 24 Parganas and Hooghly districts and led a roadshow in Sonarpur South later in the day. He urged BJP leaders and workers to ensure a strong electoral performance, setting a target of at least a 20,000-vote victory margin for party candidates. Shah is scheduled to remain in West Bengal until April 27, intensifying the BJP's efforts to challenge the TMC's dominance in the state and energize party workers ahead of the crucial counting day.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Set for Bigger Congress Role Post-Polls

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Indian National Congress is set to undertake a significant organisational overhaul soon after the ongoing state Assembly elections conclude, with internal discussions indicating a broader redistribution of responsibilities across the party structure. A key highlight of the proposed reshuffle is the likely elevation of Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, with many senior leaders advocating a more defined and substantial



role for her within the organisation. At present, Ms Vadra serves as general secretary but does not have a clearly demarcated portfolio. This has led to growing sentiment within party circles that her political capital and public connect are not being fully utilised. In recent

months, she has stepped up her campaign efforts, particularly in Assam and Kerala, where her outreach has been seen as energetic and impactful. Several Congress leaders believe Ms Vadra could play a crucial role as an interface between the party and its INDIA bloc partners, helping streamline coordination and messaging amongst the Opposition parties. The reshuffle is expected to extend beyond Ms Vadra's role, with multiple general secretaries and

state in-charges likely to be reassigned in a bid to inject fresh energy into the organisation. The position of general secretary (organisation) is also under review, as K.C. Venugopal has held the post for nearly seven years. Allegations related to ticket distribution in Haryana have, according to party insiders, affected his standing, prompting discussions about a possible replacement. Senior leaders from Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu are said to be among the frontrunners for the role.

EC Seizes Items Worth Rs 1,262 Cr in Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral Officer Archana Patnaik on Wednesday said the Election Commission has seized items worth Rs 1,262 crore in the state, including cash amounting to Rs 543 crore during vehicle checks. Addressing the media on the state's preparedness for the upcoming polls, Patnaik stated that 163 FIRs have been lodged in connection with various violations while the social media



monitoring cell has ensured the removal of 2,180 URLs across different platforms. Providing a breakdown of the electoral rolls, the official said the total electoral strength of the state stands at 5.73 crore. This includes 2.93 crore female electors, 2.83 crore male electors, and 7,728 third-gender voters. The state has also seen a significant

influx of 14,59,039 first-time voters. Regarding the logistics of the voting process, a total of 75,064 polling stations have been set up across 33,133 locations, supported by 1,06,418 ballot units and 75,064 control units and VVPAT machines. To ensure a smooth and inclusive voting experience, the commission has established 249 model polling stations, 325 stations managed entirely by women, and 71 stations managed by persons with disabilities, she said. Additionally, 29 booths will

be managed by youth, and several districts are piloting green polling stations, according to Patnaik. To maintain security and order, 300 companies of Central Armed Police Forces have been deployed alongside 83,875 local police personnel. Responding to queries regarding mobile phone restrictions, the CEO clarified that while devices are strictly prohibited inside the polling booths, a special initiative has been launched to provide mobile collection facilities outside the stations.

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In particular, it was pointed out that no proper notice was served on SK Joshi and Smitha Sabharwal, nor were they supplied with documents or incriminating material relied upon by the Commission. The petitioners also denied allegations of negligence in the construction of the Medigadda barrage, attributing structural issues such as the sinking of a pier to natural factors like excessive rainfall rather than design or execution faults. They further contended that the Commission's findings were vitiated by procedural irregularities and were liable to be set aside. On the other hand, the State defended the constitution and functioning of the Commission, arguing

that it was a fact-finding body established under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to examine issues of public importance. It was contended that accepting the petitioners' arguments would undermine the State's power to institute such inquiries into alleged negligence and irregularities in public projects. The State maintained that the Commission had relied on extensive material, including official records, expert reports and site inspections, and had meticulously examined the roles of all stakeholders. It was further argued that the report by itself does not have binding force and cannot be acted upon without a decision by the competent authority. The State also pointed out that the

matter had already been referred to the CBI through GO Ms No. 104, dated September 1, 2025, for investigation into allegations of irregularities, embezzlement of public funds and corruption. **Bengal Under.....** However, the BJP led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah is mounting an aggressive push to claw its way back into the race, mainly by unleashing a muscular nationalist pitch laced with Hindutva. Besides fusing its core Hindutva plank with a sharp focus on alleged illegal infiltration from Bangladesh, the BJP has also been hammering the TMC over a string of corruption charges. The BJP's message in West Bengal is blunt and clear: "misgovern-

ance", "compromised borders" and "systemic rot". The BJP has also been trying to woo the rising number of female voters in the state by promising a monthly stipend of Rs 3,000, compared to the Rs 2,000 offered by the TMC. The statistics indicate the state has 37,600,611 female voters now, compared to the last Lok Sabha polls where female voters numbered 37,398,991. Relying heavily on the deletion of 9.1 lakh names from the electoral rolls under the SIR, the BJP is also leaning on an unprecedented number of security forces across the state. According to reports, the Election Commission has deployed 2,407 companies of the Central armed police forces, totalling over 2.4 lakh personnel.

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However, his tenure turned out to be short, but it sparked a major constitutional and political crisis, which eventually led to the reinstatement of NTR as the CM. During his short tenure as the Chief Minister, Bhaskara Rao took several administrative decisions. One was to award five grace marks for students of both SSC and Intermediate who failed in the regular exams during March/April, 1984. A good number of students passed their final exams with the award of grace marks. However, Rao remained an experienced political strategist and played a significant role in state politics for decades. Political observers recall him as a leader who was deeply involved in the evolu-

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The scale of deletions is deeply concerning and raises serious questions about the integrity of the electoral process," said Biju Yuva Janata Dal president Chinamaya Sahu. The party warned that such actions could potentially disenfranchise eligible voters and undermine confidence in the democratic system. It has called for greater transparency, including disclosure of the criteria and verification mechanisms used during the revision of the rolls. Responding to the allegations, Odisha revenue and disaster management minister Suresh Pujari said the matter was under review and sought to allay concerns.

CRIME

EDITORIAL

Karimnagar Police Launches Drive Against Unlicensed Moped Riders

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

In a move to curb rising road fatalities, the Karimnagar Police has launched a first-of-its-kind special drive targeting TVS XL moped riders and seized as many as 140 vehicles here on Wednesday. The initiative, at the behest of city police commissioner Goush Alam, follows a worrying trend of moped users, mostly farmers and small traders, increasingly becoming victims of fatal accidents due to a lack of safety awareness and proper licensing system. The traffic police intensified checks across the city, resulting in the seizure of 140 TVS XL vehicles that were being operated without valid driving licences or insurance. Traffic ACP Bandari Yadagiri Swamy revealed that the drive was trig-



gered by a worrisome statistic. In Thimmapur village alone, four fatal accidents occurred within a single month, all involving TVS XL mopeds. A major concern highlighted by the police is a widespread misconception among rural and semi-urban riders. "Many owners believe that because these vehicles look small, they do not require a licence or a helmet," the ACP explained. Under the Motor Vehicle Act, only vehicles with an

engine capacity below 50cc are exempt from licensing. However, the TVS XL is a 100cc vehicle, legally classifying it as a motorcycle that requires a permanent driving licence, registration and a helmet for the rider. The special drive, led by traffic inspectors Sanjeev and Anjaiah, focused on educating these breadwinners of families, many of whom are farmers and small-scale vendors about the documents required for operating their ve-

hicles legally. Beyond issuing fines under the MV Act, the police conducted counseling sessions at the station to explain the fatal consequences of reckless driving and the absence of safety gear. Commissioner Goush Alam has directed the traffic wing to maintain this focus, stating that the primary goal was not to harass the public but to save lives. Many of those stopped were unaware that their vehicles were considered heavy enough to require formal licensing. "We want every family's breadwinner to return home safely," the ACP stated, adding that such inspections would now be a regular feature in Karimnagar to ensure that every vehicle on the road is operated by a trained, licensed and protected driver.

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done. The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029. There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition, has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.

Can't compel one to undergo de-addiction minus accepted kits

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Justice E.V. Venugopal of the Telangana High Court ruled that a person cannot be compelled to undergo de-addiction treatment in the absence of legally admissible material or due process. The Judge suspended an order of the Special Judicial First Class Magistrate for Excise Cases, Nampally, which directed such treatment based solely on a urine test result. Justice

Venugopal was dealing with a writ plea filed by Jason Dylan Bretfelean challenging the order of the Magistrate passed under the NDPS Act, which grants immunity from prosecution to an addict who voluntarily seeks treatment. It was the case of the petitioner that he was subjected to random urine testing using a 12-panel kit and, on being shown as positive, his case was referred to the Institute of Mental Health, Erragadda, despite no narcotic drugs

being recovered from his possession. E. Venkata Siddhartha, counsel for the petitioner, argued that no notice under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, which requires prior intimation before such production, was issued. He further argued that the 12-panel ABON test kit had not been recognised, certified, or notified by any competent authority under law, and that no supporting material existed to substantiate the alleged positive result.

Fake Number Plate Scam Busted, Two Held in Hyderabad

Hyderabad police have busted a fake number plate racket, arresting two individuals for tampering with a vehicle registration to evade traffic challans. In Hyderabad, traffic and Kachiguda police identified the accused as Shaik Abbu Baba (41) and Shaik Rihaan (19), residents of Ramanthapur. Police said the duo altered the original number of a Hero Glamour bike to resemble another registered vehicle, causing wrongful challans to be issued to a Honda Activa owner in Kukatpally. A case has been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Motor Vehicles Act. Officials warned strict action, citing CCTV and ANPR surveillance tracking violations.

West Bengal Youth Arrested for Duping 500 Women of Rs 2 Cr Across Country

A 35-year-old man donned a bevy of identities — projecting himself as a lawyer or a doctor, or a film producer — to lure as many as 500 women across the country and fleeced them of Rs 2 crore. Delhi southwest DCP Amit Goel said the accused, Anand Kumar, a resident of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, operated with "a high level of sophistication", using fake profiles on social media, dating and matrimonial platforms to identify and target victims.

Man Climbs HT Tower, Threatens To Die By Suicide

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Panic gripped Moti Nagar, Borabanda, on Wednesday when Nelson alias Raju, 32, of Allapur in Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh, climbed an 80-ft high-tension tower with a five-litre petrol can and threatened to end his life unless police arranged his marriage to his ex-girlfriend. Locals alerted police after spotting him with a lighter and petrol can. SHO M Surrender told Deccan Chronicle that firefighters and police cut power supply, ar-



ranged rescue equipment and convinced him to come down after 35 minutes. Police said Nelson had earlier harassed a local girl, prompting her family to shift to Andhra Pradesh. He had also misbehaved at a police station



on Tuesday night demanding marriage. Cases of harassment, threatening police, and endangering lives have been booked, and Nelson was produced before court for remand.

Security Services Tender for ESIC Upheld

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Reiterating the limited scope of judicial review in government contracts, the panel comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin of the Telangana High Court upheld a security services tender worth Rs 12.47 crore for the Employees State Insurance Corporation Medical College and Hospital, Sanathnagar, and set aside the order of the single Judge which directed re-valuation of tender process. The panel was

dealing with a writ appeal filed by Employees' State Insurance Corporation. Earlier, single Judge interfered with the tender on the ground that the eligibility conditions and evaluation mechanism were not in conformity with ESIC Guidelines, 2024. Noting deviations in the scoring pattern, high turnover requirements, and additional stipulations such as deployment of 40 personnel per contract, the tender process was set aside with a direction to re-evaluate the process. In appeal, ESIC contended that the process was fair,

transparent, and governed by the Manual for Procurement of Non-Consultancy Services issued by the ministry of finance. It was further argued that courts should not substitute their views for those of expert tender committees unless the decision was vitiated by patent illegality or arbitrariness. Counsel for the respondents argued that the tender conditions were contrary to the applicable guidelines, particularly the scoring methodology. It was contended that while the guidelines contemplated

only three turnover slabs, the tender introduced multiple intermediate slabs, enabling arbitrary gradation. During the hearing, the panel observed that directing a fresh evaluation would effectively amount to re-writing the tender conditions, which is not permissible. The panel accordingly held that the tender process was undertaken in accordance with applicable procurement norms and that no ground warranting judicial interference was made out.



Radhey Group Plants 150 Saplings in Hyderabad to Mark Earth Day 2026

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Marking Earth Day, Radhey Group conducted a large-scale plantation drive at Sri Ram Nagar Community Site, Moinabad, planting 150 saplings in collaboration with Sankalptaru Foundation. The initiative highlighted the company's commitment to sustainable development and environmental responsibility.

The drive witnessed active participation from employees and leadership, transforming the community space into a greener zone with native tree species. The event emphasized collective action toward building a healthier ecosystem and combating climate



change. Chairman of Radhey Group and Member of Parliament Daggumalla Prasada Rao attended as the chief guest, accompanied by his wife Sujatha. Managing Director Radhey

Daggumalla, along with Esther Priyanka and Director Rajivi Daggumalla, also took part, reinforcing leadership involvement in environmental initiatives. Addressing participants,

Daggumalla Prasada Rao stressed the urgency of environmental protection and called for tree plantation to become a regular practice among citizens. He praised the organization's efforts to integrate sustainability into its operations and encouraged broader community participation in such drives. Speaking on the occasion, Managing Director Radhey Daggumalla reiterated that the plantation drive is part of a long-term vision rather than a one-time activity. He emphasized the group's ongoing commitment to eco-friendly practices and expressed appreciation for Sankalptaru Foundation's partnership in advancing green initiatives. Observed annually on April

22, Earth Day serves as a global reminder of the need for environmental conservation.

The plantation drive reflected this year's spirit by bringing together corporate leadership and employees under the theme "Together, let's nurture a greener and safer tomorrow." Sankalptaru Foundation, known for its large-scale afforestation efforts across India, partnered with Radhey Group to execute the drive, underscoring a shared goal of ecological restoration and sustainability. Radhey Group, a Hyderabad-based real estate firm, continues to focus on responsible development, aiming to balance infrastructure growth with environmental care.

Sridhar Babu Launches Malabar CSR Scholarships



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Malabar Gold & Diamonds distributed ₹4.55 crore in scholarships to 5,050 students across Telangana, with the programme inaugurated by D. Sridhar Babu in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The event was held at RTC Kalyana Mandapam, Old Nallakunta, marking a major step under the company's ₹200 crore CSR outlay for FY 2026-27. At the national level, the initiative will span over 1,500 locations across 20 states, benefiting more than two lakh people this year. The company has already impacted 18 lakh

beneficiaries through its CSR programmes, with education emerging as a key focus area. So far, over 1.15 lakh students have received scholarships exceeding ₹100 crore. For the current financial year, Malabar has earmarked support for 33,000 girl students across India, including 5,050 in Telangana. It has also set up 1,543 micro-learning centres across 17 states, with plans to expand to 2,500 centres to reach over one lakh students. In Telangana, the Group's CSR activities extend beyond scholarships.

It operates 49 micro-learning centres for street children and provides

more than 2,000 meals daily under its hunger eradication initiative, improving access to education and nutrition. Speaking at the event, Sridhar Babu emphasized the importance of strengthening education to ensure inclusive growth. Chairman M. P. Ahammad highlighted that scholarships aim to support deserving students facing financial constraints.

The programme is implemented in partnership with organisations like Pratham and Thanal, reinforcing the Group's commitment to education, healthcare, and social development.

India-Sweden Workshop Boosts Industrial Decarbonization Efforts



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Strengthening efforts toward industrial decarbonization, the India-Sweden Innovations Accelerator (ISIA) hosted its 27th workshop in Hyderabad, bringing together Indian industries and Swedish cleantech firms to accelerate adoption of sustainable technologies. The workshop was organized by the Confederation of In-

dian Industry through the CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre, in collaboration with the Swedish Energy Agency and Business Sweden. It focused on scaling innovative clean solutions across key industrial sectors by aligning global expertise with India's sustainability priorities.

Around 40 Indian companies participated alongside seven Swedish cleantech firms, showcasing advanced

solutions in energy efficiency, smart grids, IoT-enabled systems, clean mobility, and resource optimization. The initiative aims to bridge global innovation with local industrial needs, enabling faster deployment of proven green technologies.

As Sweden's flagship bilateral initiative with India, ISIA facilitates the entry of Swedish companies into the Indian market while supporting Indian industries

in transitioning toward low-carbon operations. By fostering cross-border partnerships, the program accelerates technology transfer and promotes sustainable industrial growth.

Technical presentations were delivered by firms such as Candela, ECAPS, Lixea, Waltero, Plexigrid, and Affectus, highlighting innovations in industrial sustainability. Industry leaders stressed the need for scalable technologies

and policy support to address climate challenges.

The event also showcased successful collaborations, including partnerships between Krahn Specialty Fluids and Metalex Cryogenics Limited. Concluding the session, K. Muralikrishnan highlighted growing India-Sweden cooperation and reaffirmed commitment to advancing clean technology adoption.

CBIT Hosts World IP Day Program on Sports Innovation



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) organized an awareness program on World Intellectual Property Day 2026, focusing on the theme "IP and Sports - Driving Creativity and Innovation Across the World of Sports." The event, held at the CBIT Block Seminar Hall, highlighted the growing importance of intellectual property rights (IPR) in modern sports and technology.

Expert speakers Afzal Hasan and Vatsala Singh Hasan from Hasan and Singh IP Company delivered insightful sessions on patent drafting, prior art searches, freedom-to-operate, and IP enforcement.

They emphasized that IPR plays a critical role in protecting innovations across fields such as AI, biotechnology, electronics, and sports technology, and encouraged students to explore IP-related career opportunities. CBIT Principal C. V. Narasimulu stressed the need to safeguard intellectual assets in an innovation-driven world, while U. K. Choudhury highlighted the importance of industry collaboration and IPR awareness.

The program, coordinated by faculty members, saw active participation from students and staff. It concluded with a key message that intellectual property serves as a bridge connecting innovation to real-world impact.

Tesla Promotes Six-Seater Model YL in India to Boost Weak Sales

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Tesla, the American electric car giant, on Wednesday introduced a new long-wheelbase six-seater version of its best-selling Model Y SUV to try to woo buyers in the world's third-largest car market where it has struggled to grow sales. The Tesla Model YL, with a claimed longer driving range of 681 kilometers, is priced Rs 61.99 lakh at the Mumbai showroom. Tesla sold just 350 Model Ys in India since starting deliveries in September, with rivals such as BYD, Mercedes-Benz, and BMW far outselling the US automaker over the same period.

The new Model YL is not just an update, but a more practical and family-oriented evolution of Tesla's best-selling electric SUV, offering more space, more range, and enhanced comfort. Sharad Agarwal, Tesla's India General Manager, said deliveries of the six-seater Model YL will begin in June 2026 across India. The imported Model Y attracts a steep 100 per cent import tariff, a level that chief Elon Musk has often criticized, meaning Tesla's cars are priced much higher in India than in other markets.

MPC Minutes: Hormuz disruption may slow growth, push inflation up

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) minutes of the April Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting released on Wednesday highlighted concerns around growth and inflation mix amid the ongoing West Asia conflict. The Committee was of the view that elevated energy and other commodity prices coupled with supply shock due to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz pose significant downside risks to India's growth outlook and upside risks to inflation, even as the economy remains resilient.

The members noted that the pass-through of higher oil prices has been limited as of now but the sustenance of the same remains difficult. Policymakers advocated caution in maintaining a "neutral" stance which provides flexibility to act on either side. "Overall, geopolitical uncertainties have intensified with the conflict widening its spread over the last month. As a result, supply



chain disruptions, that may take longer to subside fully and restore the logistics network, pose downside risks to growth and upside risks to inflation. Nevertheless, the Indian economy is on a much stronger footing at the current juncture than at any time before to withstand these shocks," said Sanjay Malhotra governor RBI.

"If the conflict remains unresolved for a long duration, it can make the task of central banks arduous in their endeavour to rein in inflation expectations while minimising growth sacrifice," he added. The MPC this month kept the policy rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent while retaining the neutral stance. Meanwhile, the RBI deputy governor T Rabi Sankar at an event marking the completion of Clearing

Corporation of India Ltd's 25 years said that the move to cap banks' net open position (NOP) in onshore forex market to \$100 million was taken to weed out volatility in the currency market and would be lifted once rupee stabilises.

"All that was done was to deal with a temporary event that created a large volatility in the market. Once that is taken care of, we should be back on track in what we do," said Sankar. The market was very liquid and the price depended on demand and supply, he said. "We only come in when there is excessive and disruptive volatility." On lifting the existing \$100 million cap under the net open position rules for banks, Sankar said that those decisions will be taken in due course.

The RBI on Monday partially rolled back its directives taken earlier this month to curb excessive speculation in rupee. In a notification, the central bank withdrew two key restrictions. One, allowing authorised dealers including banks and financial institutions, to

once again offer non-deliverable forwards (NDFs) to both Indian residents and overseas users. Secondly, it has also removed the ban on users rebooking foreign exchange derivative contracts that were cancelled after April 1. However, it did not lift the \$100 million cap under the net open position rules for banks. These measures were introduced as the rupee breached 95 per dollar mark for the first time in late March due to a combination of rising crude oil prices, persistent geopolitical tensions, foreign investor outflows, and a strong dollar demand globally.

The currency has recovered more than 2 per cent after the first set of measures were announced on March 27. Meanwhile the rupee on Wednesday lost 39 paise to settle at 93.83 against the US dollar as higher crude oil prices continued to weigh on sentiment despite U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement of an indefinite ceasefire extension with Iran.

Tata Power EZ Home Solutions Launched In Hyderabad



HYDERABAD
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Tata Power has launched its Tata Power EZ Home Solutions in Hyderabad, bringing easy-to-use smart home technologies to the city. EZ Home enables app-based control of lighting, climate, security, and energy management. The portfolio includes smart sockets, touch panel switches, converters, and motion sensors that integrate into existing electrical setups without major modifications. This makes the solutions suitable for newly constructed homes and established residences across Hyderabad.

Automated scheduling ensures appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators, fans, and washing machines operate only when required. The system is designed to offer offline functionality as well, ensuring uninterrupted performance when faced with limited internet connectivity. Home automation can reduce electricity consumption by 15% annually, a saving of over 1,300 units of electricity per year, a release said.

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Anne Hathaway's 'Inshallah' moment wins hearts online

Hollywood star Anne Hathaway has gone viral on social media after casually using the phrase "Inshallah" during a recent interview, earning admiration from fans for her candid, grounded outlook on life and aging. The 43-year-old actor made the remark while speaking to People magazine during a cover shoot interview, where she reflected on her personal and professional journey, including her early years in Hollywood, motherhood, and her evolving perspective on life. Hathaway is currently preparing to reprise her iconic role as Andrea Sachs in the sequel to *The Devil Wears Prada*, one of her most celebrated films. During the conversation, Hathaway opened up about embracing her 40s and how her emotional outlook has matured over time. She explained that in her younger years, she often experienced extreme highs and lows, but with age has come a greater sense of bal-



ance and calm. She noted that she now values peace of mind and the ability to approach life's uncertainties with a more measured attitude. Speaking about her hopes for the future, Hathaway said, "I just really want to hopefully live for, and enjoy a life. I want to have a long, healthy life. Inshallah, I hope so." The Arabic phrase, which translates to "God willing," was used naturally in her response and quickly resonated

with audiences across the globe. Her use of "Inshallah" sparked widespread appreciation online, with many social media users praising her for embracing a phrase commonly used in diverse cultures. Fans described the moment as "adorable" and "heartwarming," while others pointed out that such expressions transcend religious boundaries and reflect a universal sentiment of hope and

humility. Beyond the viral moment, Hathaway also shared insights into her life as a mother of two, discussing how parenthood has shaped her priorities and deepened her understanding of life. She reflected on her early acting assignments and the lessons she has learned throughout her career, highlighting how her experiences have contributed to her present sense of contentment. The actor also ex-

pressed excitement about reuniting with her former co-stars Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, and Emily Blunt for the upcoming sequel. The reunion has generated considerable buzz among fans, who are eager to see the beloved characters return to the screen. Hathaway's reflections on aging struck a chord with many, as she emphasized the importance of accepting change and appreciating the present moment. She spoke about finally understanding the phrase "take it with a grain of salt," acknowledging that life becomes more manageable when one lets go of extremes and embraces balance. Her comments come as anticipation builds for *The Devil Wears Prada 2*, which is slated for release on May 1. With both her return to a fan-favorite role and her thoughtful reflections gaining attention, Hathaway continues to connect with audiences not just through her performances, but through her authenticity and relatability

Zayn Malik Withdraws From The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Amid Health Issue



MUMBAI
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Singer Zayn Malik has pulled out of scheduled public appearances, including *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, as he continues to recover from an undisclosed medical condition, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. The development comes after Malik shared a health update on his Instagram account on Friday, posting a photograph from a hospital bed. He was seen wearing a hospital gown with medical tubes attached. Along with the picture, the singer expressed gratitude to fans and medical staff while confirming that he is still in recovery follow-

ing a difficult week. "To my fans - Thank you to all of you for your love & support now & always - been a long week and am still unexpectedly recovering," he wrote. "Heartbroken that I can't see you all this week, I wouldn't be in the place I am today without you guys and am so thankful for your understanding. Thank you to the incredible hospital staff of Drs, nurses, cardiologist, management, admin and everyone who has helped along the way and continue to. You are all legends! Big big love xx z," the post further read.

Earlier reports by *PEOPLE* magazine stated that Malik has also stepped away from other promotional com-

mitments related to his upcoming album *Konnakol*, including scheduled fan interactions and meet-and-greet events. He was initially listed as a guest performer for Tuesday's episode of *The Tonight Show*, but updated guest listings later removed his name. The revised lineup now features Nikki Glaser, Ella Stiller, Jesse Tyler Ferguson and comedian Isabel Hagen. The exact reason for his treatment has not been revealed. Reports said the former 'One Direction' singer is receiving medical care from a leading cardiologist, as per *PEOPLE* magazine. Fans across social media have been sending good wishes and hoping for his speedy recovery.

Karan Singh Gheloth Inspires at Powerlifting Meet

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State Sub-Junior Powerlifting Championship concluded on a high note at the Sanath Nagar Sports Complex, showcasing the strength, determination, and emerging talent of young athletes from across the state. Held over two days on April 18 and 19, the championship brought together boys and girls competing across multiple weight categories, delivering intense and spirited performances that kept spectators engaged throughout.

Greater Hyderabad Vice Chairman Karan Singh Gheloth stood out as a key presence at the event, motivating participants with his strong emphasis on the importance of grassroots sports development. He encouraged young lifters to set ambitious goals and strive for excellence at national and international levels, underlining the role of such platforms in shaping future champions. Telangana State Vice Chairman Ch. Vinod Singh, along with Rahul Kumar Taank and D.



Vishal, also attended the championship and extended their support, inspiring athletes with their presence and words of encouragement. The championship was organized by Sri Omprakash Bidlan Fitness Center in Sanath Nagar in association with Medical Malkangiri District. It was led by Ravi Singh Bidlan, Treasurer of the Telangana State Powerlifting Association, National Referee Category-1, Asia Champion, and Strongman Asia 2023 winner. His efforts ensured smooth conduct of the event and highlighted its importance in identifying and nurturing young talent in powerlifting. Participants displayed re-

markable discipline, strength, and competitive spirit throughout the event, with winners being honored with medals and accolades amid loud cheers from an enthusiastic audience. The championship not only served as a competitive platform but also promoted physical fitness, mental resilience, and sportsmanship among youth. Beyond the contests, the event played a crucial role in strengthening community bonds and encouraging a culture of health and fitness. It reaffirmed the growing significance of powerlifting in Telangana and the need to support budding athletes through such well-organized competitions.

Tilak Varma's maiden IPL century powers MI to big win over GT

LUCKNOW
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Lucknow Super Giants batters, led by their mercurial skipper Rishabh Pant, let Mohammed Shami's brilliant bowling effort go down the drain with an embarrassing 40-run defeat at the hands of an equally profligate Rajasthan Royals in an IPL match here on Wednesday. Chasing a target of 160, LSG huffed and puffed before being shot out for 119 in 18 overs after the slide started with their skipper Pant playing the most ugly sweep-cum-hook to let the momentum slip after Shami, along with Mohsin Khan and Prince Yadav, had set up the platform for the hosts.

The decision to use a player like Himmat Singh as 'Impact Sub' will be questioned for the longest time as the player in nearly a decade of domestic cricket never won a SMAT game for Delhi with a career strike rate of 135 and less than a six per game. The win took Royals to the second spot



with 10 points from seven games despite a shoddy batting effort. Royals would be indebted to their 'OG' Ravindra Jadeja (43 on off 29 balls and 1/29) whose all-round effort went a long way in securing the win. His partnership with Shubham Dubey got them some kind of a total and then with the ball, he flung the data analysts' match-up card to remove Nicholas Pooran.

While Royals' batting has been inconsistent this season, the bowlers have been on the money as Rishabh Pant was dismissed by Nandre Burger (2/27), and Jofra Archer (3/20) accounted for Aiden Markram with a

rising delivery. This was after Ayush Badoni was unfortunately run-out. Mitchell Marsh (55 off 41 balls) held the innings together even as likes of Nicholas Pooran and Himmat Singh went back playing some irresponsible shots.

It was left to Mukul Choudhary, who still is a work in progress and haven't yet learnt how to tackle bouncers that grip off the surface. Earlier, Shami delivered a couple of beauties while Mohsin snuffed out teen sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi to restrict Royals to a meagre 159 for 6 after opting to bowl. This is the third time in three games that Royals'

top order has imploded and things have spiralled southwards for the franchise. The experience and class of Shami (2/30 in 4 overs) the Test bowler stood apart while the lanky Mohsin (2/17 in 4 overs) was extremely disciplined, getting the ball to rear up and seam at the same time from awkward lengths.

The duo between them removed the four best batters of Royals — Shami getting rid of Yashasvi Jaiswal (22) and Dhruv Jurel (0) off successive deliveries and Mohsin removing Sooryavanshi (8 off 11 balls) and Shimron Hetmyer (22 off 18 balls) in two different spells. The ever-improving Prince Yadav (2/29 in 4 overs) proved to be the ideal third dimension to the attack with his moving deliveries and timely dismissals. Mayank Yadav (0/56 in 4 overs), returning from a very long rehabilitation, predictably looked the only bowler out of rhythm.

Skipper Riyan Parag, the debatable choice for captaincy based on cricketing merit, with a sequence of scores that reads 14, 0, 8, 20, 3, 4, 12, 20, has proved to be more of a liability for Royals.

The most important part was stacking up the dot ball count — between Shami (15) and Mohsin (11). They cumulatively bowled 26 dot balls. Even Prince had an impressive 13 dot balls in his kitty. However, the day would be remembered for the artist that Shami has been with both red and white ball in his hand.

He bowled a sharp bouncer to Jaiswal that got big on him as the left-hander tried to hook it awkwardly and skipper Rishabh Pant timed his jump to perfection to pluck off a superb one-handed catch. Pant, whose bowling changes were on point, had a second catch when Shami bowled a peach, fuller pitched on middle stump line to draw Jurel forward and it deviated late, kissing the outside edge of his bat.

TGSRTC Management Urges Staff to Avoid Strike, Resume Duties

TGSRTC Management has appealed to employees not to participate in strikes and to continue attending duties, citing legal provisions under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. In a statement, the management said discussions regarding workers' demands are currently underway before the Joint Commissioner of Labour through a committee of senior IAS officers. According to Section 22(1)(d) of the Industrial Disputes Act, resorting to a strike while conciliation proceedings are pending is considered illegal. The management warned that participation in an unlawful strike could lead to disciplinary action, wage cuts, and long-term effects on employees' careers and families. TGSRTC officials stated that the corporation remains committed to resolving issues through dialogue and urged workers and union leaders not to rely on misleading appeals circulated through social media or unofficial sources. Management requested all staff to withdraw from strike calls and continue providing uninterrupted public transport services.

Telangana Transport Shutdown

38,000 RTC Workers Strike, 6,000 Buses Off Roads

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A statewide strike by workers of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) began at midnight after talks between employee unions and management failed to resolve a long-standing dispute over 32 demands. The strike, involving more than 38,000 workers, is expected to severely impact public transport, with over 6,000 buses likely to remain off the roads and disrupting travel for more than five lakh passengers. With RTC services hit, a surge in demand is anticipated for alternative modes such as metro rail and MMTS trains, especially in urban centres like Hyderabad. Negotiations held earlier this week between union leaders and a government-appointed panel stretched for over four hours but ended without consensus. The panel comprised senior



A deserted view of Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station in Hyderabad during the ongoing TGSRTC strike, as road transport services across Telangana came to a standstill following an indefinite protest launched by employees on April 22.—Photo: Mir Zulfeqar Ali

officials, including special chief secretaries from the roads & buildings and labour departments, the principal secretary (finance), and the RTC managing director. Workers have put forward key demands such as the merger of RTC with the state government, conducting long-pending labour union elections, and implementing pay scales and benefits equivalent to

government employees. They have also sought immediate wage revisions and clearance of pending dues, including provident fund contributions and payments linked to co-operative societies. TGSRTC Managing Director Y. Nagireddy stated that a committee of IAS officers has already been formed to examine the demands. He noted that several issues involve

complex financial implications and require at least four weeks for a thorough review. He assured that the government is committed to addressing the concerns in a phased and systematic manner. Nagireddy also alleged that certain unions were misleading workers and pushing for the strike despite ongoing efforts toward resolution.

Verdict Doesn't Mean a Clean Chit to Anyone: Uttam

Minister: Verdict doesn't bar CBI probe into Kaleshwaram, Medigadda

HYDERABAD
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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday said the Telangana High Court verdict in the case related to pleas questioning the Justice P.C. Ghose commission of inquiry report "did not give anyone any clean chit". The minister also said today's judgment does not preclude the CBI from taking up an investigation into matters related to the Kaleshwaram project and Medigadda barrage, as already sought by the Telangana government. "In fact, last September, the government, after a detailed discussion on the Justice Ghose report in the Assembly, had made it clear that it would not take any action based on the judicial commission's report. We had said right



then that we are asking the CBI to investigate, and we hope this will happen," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The CBI, he added, has with it copies of the judicial commission, the vigilance, and NDSA reports on Medigadda, enough for it to start its investigations. The government, he said, will decide on its next course of action once it examines the full judgment. Uttam Kumar Reddy made it clear that the court orders related to a plea seeking the quashing of Government Order No.6 setting up the Justice

P.C. Ghose Commission. The High Court did not find fault with the commission's setting up or its findings. It was also clear on stating that the commission's appointment was neither arbitrary, illegal, nor ultra vires. The minister said the High Court raised objections on certain determinations made against individuals in the commission's report, pointing out that notices were not issued to them in the prescribed format. "And the relief granted to the petitioners was limited to stating that no action should be taken against them solely based on the judicial commission's report. This does not mean anyone got a clean chit," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the barrages were built and collapsed during the BRS rule.

Revanth Reddy orders fast-track land allotment for investors



HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to give top priority to reputed and established companies while allocating land for investment projects in the State. He instructed authorities to categorise companies into three groups and fast-track support for those ready to begin operations. Reviewing progress of MoUs signed during the World Economic Forum Summit at Davos and Telangana Rising summit in Hyderabad, the Chief

Minister asked officials to expedite pending land acquisition and ensure timely allotment in key regions, including Future City. Emphasising a planned approach, he called for adequate infrastructure and future-ready facilities. He also directed officials to prepare proposals for supply and usage of treated water from Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) for data centres. He stressed that all departments must work to ensure that companies commence operations at the earliest with full government support.

Heatwave Persists Despite IMD Rain Forecast

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Temperatures across Telangana continued to remain high on Wednesday, even as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast light to moderate rain and thunderstorms over the next few days. According to the IMD, isolated parts of the state are likely to receive rain or thunderstorms until April 26, though no significant drop in maximum tem-



peratures is expected for the next three days. Dry weather is likely to return from April 27.

A yellow alert has been issued for several districts, warning of thunderstorms accompanied

by lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph. The alert extends to Hyderabad and surrounding districts until April 24. Despite the forecast, temperatures remained in the 40°C range across most districts. Kumuram Bheem recorded the highest at 44.4°C, followed by Mancherla and Nalgonda at 44.2°C each. Adilabad, Peddapalli and Kamareddy also crossed 44°C. In Hyderabad, most areas reported between

40°C and 41.5°C. Secunderabad and Begumpet were among the hottest at 41.5°C, while Falaknuma was slightly cooler at 39.6°C. The IMD said Hyderabad is likely to see partly cloudy skies with light rain or thunderstorms, especially towards evening or night over the next 48 hours. Maximum and minimum temperatures in the city are expected to hover around 37-38°C and 27°C, respectively.

Godrej launches five-year warranty offer across

The Appliances Business of Godrej Enterprises Group has announced 'Godrej Promise', offering a five-year comprehensive warranty with no hidden costs across its appliances portfolio. Having seen a huge response for its extended warranty offer on its split ACs and inverter window ACs last year, the company extended the 'Godrej Promise' across a wide range of products, including refrigerators, washing machines, air coolers, microwave ovens and deep freezers, over and above the split and inverter window ACs, purchased from April 1 onwards. Kamal Nandi, Business Head at Appliances Business of Godrej Enterprises Group, said, "Our five-year comprehensive warranty is fully transparent and free of hidden costs across our portfolio." Arnab Bagchi, Head of Service at Appliances Business of Godrej Enterprises Group, said, "Consumers can now enjoy reliable performance backed by a transparent, five-year comprehensive warranty worth up to Rs 12,000." Godrej's five-year free comprehensive warranty covers key services, including gas recharge in products like ACs.

Police, civic bodies gear up for Bakrid with coordination meet in Jubilee Hills

Authorities enforce strict rules for peaceful Bakrid celebrations in Hyderabad

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Authorities have intensified preparations to ensure peaceful and well-organized Bakrid celebrations in the Jubilee Hills Zone, focusing on strict enforcement of regulations related to animal transport, sanitation, and public safety. Officials stressed that maintaining law and order, along with adherence to legal norms, will be a top priority during the festival. At a high-level coordination meeting held at Madhura Nagar Community Hall on Tuesday, officials made it clear that there will be zero tolerance for illegal activities, particularly the unlawful transport, sale, or slaughter of cows and calves. Transporters were instructed to carry valid veterinary health certificates and authorized transport documents at all times, warning that strict legal action will be taken against violators. The meeting, chaired by DCP A. Ramana Reddy, saw participation from



officials representing various departments, including Police, GHMC, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary, and Transport. Around 200 stakeholders attended, comprising cattle transporters, members of the Qureshi community, and beef shop owners, all of whom play a key role during Bakrid. To streamline operations and prevent violations, authorities decided to establish checkpoints operating in three shifts to monitor the movement of animals effectively. Traffic management strategies were also discussed in detail to ensure smooth vehicular movement and prevent congestion in sensitive and high-traffic areas during the festival

period. GHMC officials were directed to put in place robust sanitation measures, ensuring timely waste collection and disposal, particularly in areas witnessing increased activity. Police officials also outlined security arrangements aimed at maintaining peace and preventing any untoward incidents. Authorities appealed to all stakeholders to cooperate fully with the administration, follow legal guidelines, and contribute towards maintaining communal harmony, ensuring that Bakrid celebrations are conducted peacefully and without disruption.

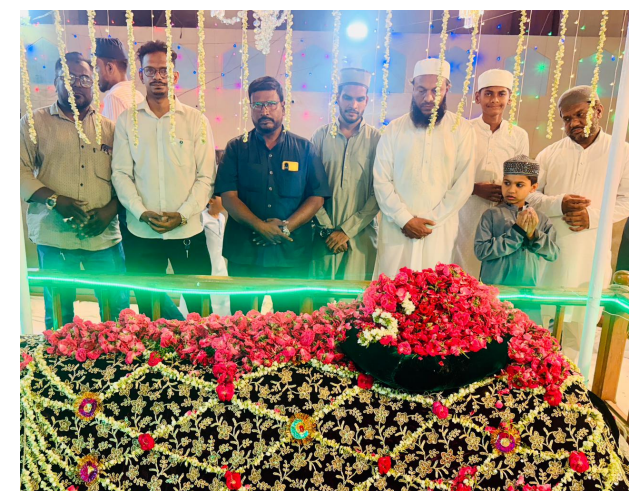


Vaddiraju Ravichandra greets K. T. Rama Rao, Working President of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, with a bouquet and sweets at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad, celebrating the High Court verdict on the Justice P.C. Ghose Commission report related to the Kaleshwaram irrigation project. On the occasion, Ravichandra also distributed sweets to former minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah, MLAs K. P. Vivekanand, Kaleru Venkatesh, and Kalvakuntla Sanjay, along with former MP Maloth Kavitha and several party leaders, marking the court's judgment.-----Photo: Mir Zulfeqar Ali

Urs-e-Shareef Held in Hyderabad with Devotee Participation

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Advocate Mir Qurram Ali attended the 6th Annual Urs-e-Shareef of Nabeera-e-Huzoor Ghous-e-Azam (RZ), Azam-ul-Mashayekh Hazrat Allama Qazi Syed Shah Azam Ali Soofi Quadri (RH), held at Sheen Nagar, Hyderabad. The spiritually significant event was attended by Mustafa Ali Tijara (Working President), Mohd Ismail (Chairman), Alamdar (Reporter), and several devotees from ac-



ross the city. The Urs was observed with religious fervour and prayers, as followers paid homage to

the revered saint, reflecting unity and the enduring Sufi tradition.

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